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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Maryland General Assembly

TRANSPORTATION

Legislative Priorities

Our Priorities Will Include:

Arena Drive – This interchange is the gateway to the new University of Maryland Regional Medical Center and the new downtown Largo. The infrastructure must be improved and expanded to provide multi-modal mobility and access to the regional medical center and downtown Largo. Full interchanges are needed as part of that project.

Route 210 (Indian Head Highway) – Advancing the current work at Kerby Hill Road as expeditiously as possible and continuing further South along the MD 210 corridor is of paramount importance to Prince George’s County. Moving forward with subsequent interchanges are a must to improve safety on this dangerous roadway.

Route 1 – This is the gateway to the state’s premier university, which is also a primary economic driver in the county. Now that the state is advancing into construction and has reduced the time frame for the first phase, it is critical to move the subsequent phases forward. The streetscaping and safety measures, including sidewalk improvements, will greatly enhance the Route 1 Corridor.



Route 4 at Suitland Parkway – The Maryland Route 4 at Suitland Parkway project has been marked by delays, scalebacks, and construction issues. The state should immediately address them by fast tracking the project through construction under a new contractor and restoring it closer to its original design with the flyover. Given the delays and inconvenience that the community faces, it deserves the best possible project once constructed.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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After leading the state in job growth for five consecutive years, we saw all of those gains wiped out during the first few months of the COVID-19 pandemic and now have more than 150,000 unemployed residents. The business assistance we have offered has helped many businesses, but we must do more. As we continue rebuilding our economy, we must enhance the tools available to us to attract quality development, while also addressing the needs of our citizens.

Prior to the pandemic, we knew our county had the most food insecure areas in the region, with approximately 15 percent of our county being classified as “Low Income, Low Access.” Those areas have only become larger and more pronounced as the COVID-19 pandemic has raged on. It is imperative that we ensure our



residents have access to fresh vegetables and produce, along with other healthy food options. To help attract quality grocers into these areas, I will be supporting legislation that would allow grocery stores located in food deserts to also sell beer and wine.

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Our county is stronger when all of our citizens are participating in collaborative efforts to help move us forward, but not everything takes place at the County Administration Building. Commu-

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

nity meetings, especially HOA and civic association meetings, help residents work together to ensure the immediate needs of their neighborhood are being met, helping to improve the quality of life and quiet enjoyment of their homes.

Currently, Maryland law requires homeowners' associations to convene at least one membership meeting per year, and this meeting is commonly referred to as the annual meeting. This law, however, only applies to associations that have transitioned to the homeowners and are no longer under developer control. We will be supporting legislation that will require all associations, regardless of whether or not they are under developer or homeowner control, to have at least one annual meeting per year where the business of the association is discussed.

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As we have often said, our seniors are the backbone of our communities, but sadly, there are those out there who would choose to prey on them and do them harm.

PROTECTING OUR SENIORS

We must do all we can to ensure their safety and that is why I will be supporting legislation to create a centralized, confidential database aimed at ending the physical and mental abuse suffered by seniors at the hands of their caregivers.

This is legislation we advocated for and garnered much support for in 2020. Unfortunately, we ran out of time to get it passed due to the early end of the General Assembly because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The creation of an Elder Abuse Registry will provide:

- Protection for potential future victims
- Court notification of an individual's status, providing protections in guardianship and adoption cases
- Increased accountability for perpetrators
- A deterrent to keep perpetrators from abusing
- Enable employers to make more informed decisions when hiring people to care for our seniors

ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES

Legislative Priorities

Kirwan Veto Override • Education–Broadband Access for All • Police Reform • Sports Betting
Environmental Justice–Climate Solutions Act • Economic Development Along the Blue Line Corridor

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As we begin 2021, we are still dealing with the continued ramifications of a global pandemic that has not only changed the way we live in the present, but has shown us that we must make changes to the way we will live in the future. We must work together to ensure that we are never again caught in a position of being unready to respond at the highest level to a threat that impacts the very lives of those we serve. While it may seem like a daunting task, it can be accomplished if we work together.

Our collective efforts have helped us bring needed relief to those who are food insecure and those struggling to pay rent and mortgages, while also providing necessary relief to our businesses, providing healthcare to our residents and improving access to Wi-Fi and computers to ensure that our children are able to learn remotely. These efforts have helped us navigate the pandemic during the early stages through the end of 2020. Now, we must come together during the 90-day session to move our state through the current phase of the pandemic, doing all we can to ensure a safe, healthy and bright future for all those we serve.

Despite the changes brought by COVID-19, our top priority and key focus remains the education of our children. We fully support an override of the Governor's veto of the Blueprint for Maryland's Future, also known as the Kirwan Commission bill. Now more than ever, our children need these additional resources to ensure that every child has access to a high-quality education, regardless of where they live.

I am confident that by working together, we will be able to tackle this issue and the serious issues facing our society today. From police reform and access to first-class healthcare, to environmental justice and ensuring that we leave our children and grandchildren a planet they can grow and thrive on, I know we can deliver for Prince Georgians and all Marylanders. In addition to these areas, we will also be focused on providing additional protections for seniors, enhancing the tools available to us to foster additional economic development opportunities, securing funding for transportation projects that will improve our infrastructure while addressing some of the top traffic concerns, and improving communication and coordination between homeowners and HOAs.



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